

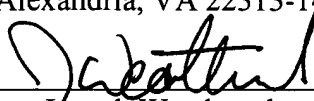


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of February 9, 2006, in the above-identified application, applicant requests that the application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Additions to the specification and claims are indicated by underlining, while deletions are indicated by strikethrough or double brackets.